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Interview Summary

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Art Unit

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Shelby Fidler.

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(2) Natalya Dvorson.

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Date of Interview: 29 November 2007.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1.

Identification of prior art discussed: the combination of Izumi et al. as modified by Okawa et al.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached; or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: The Izumi et al. and Okawa et al. references were examined to determine the mechanisms behind carriage movement. Specifically, the previous rejection relies upon timing belt 130, unreferenced pulleys, and pulse motor 132 to show how the carriage 17 is moved in the main-scanning direction. Applicant feels that these elements are responsible for carriage movement in the approaching/separating direction rather than the main scanning direction. Examiner requires further consideration of the prior art references, and agrees to contact Applicant should the rejection be maintained.